



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE  
WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT  
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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**NO** Pet Shop or Animal Dealer may possess or sell **ANY** species of animal that is **NOT** listed on their permit. Pet Shop and Animal Dealer Permits **DO NOT** authorize the sale, possession, or distribution of BATS.

An EXOTIC or NONGAME WILDLIFE SALES RECEIPT – Temporary 20-Day Permit must be issued to every individual who purchases a regulated exotic or nongame animal from your business. At the time of purchase, the individual must be advised that the receipt is only a temporary permit and that a permanent permit is required and can be obtained from the Wildlife Permits Unit. Incomplete, illegible, undated or non-issued temporary permits are a violation of New Jersey regulations and are subject to fines and penalties.

**TO REQUEST TEMPORARY 20-DAY PERMIT BOOKLETS & INDIVIDUAL HOBBY APPLICATION PACKETS:**  
**Call (609) 292-9591 or e-mail EXOTICPERMITS@dep.state.nj.us**

**Any violation of possession or sales of the following could result in fines, penalties and/or revocation of your permit.**

BE AWARE THAT THE FOLLOWING EXOTIC BIRDS **MAY NOT** BE SOLD OR POSSESSED IN NEW JERSEY. **ALL** ARE LISTED AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING AGRICULTURAL PESTS:

Patagonian Conures                      Monk Parrots (Quaker Parrots)  
Ring-necked Parrots                      Mustached Parrots  
Plum-Headed Parrots.....and all others in the Psittacula genus.

The **BENGAL MONITOR** (*Varanus bengalensis*) is listed as an ENDANGERED SPECIES under the FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, Department of the Interior and **CANNOT BE SOLD, POSSESSED, DISTRIBUTED, ETC.**

THE FOLLOWING IS A **PARTIAL** LIST OF VENOMOUS, REAR-FANGED SPECIES WHICH **MAY NOT** BE POSSESSED UNDER A PERMIT SPECIFYING "NONVENOMOUS REPTILES":

Mangrove Snake	Parrot Snake	Asiatic Dogtooth Cat Snake
Boomslang	Indian Cat Snake	African Krait Snake

\*\*\*\*VENOMOID SNAKES are considered to be a potentially dangerous species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)], and are not allowed to be possessed or sold in New Jersey. \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*GREEN & YELLOW ANACONDAS have been determined to be a potentially dangerous species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)], and are no longer allowed to be possessed or sold in New Jersey. \*\*\*\*

***New Jersey Department of Health mandates: Turtles and Tortoises CAN NOT be sold in New Jersey.***

It is also illegal to sell or possess in New Jersey any species on the New Jersey Endangered Species List. Due to difficulties in determining morphological differences among several species and the fact that these difficulties have already produced problems, the following species **CANNOT BE SOLD OR POSSESSED** in New Jersey:

Gray Tree Frogs (all species)	Dino Dogs	Larval Salamanders
Mud Puppies	Water Dogs	Axolotls

Corn Snakes are an **Endangered Species** in the state of New Jersey. Possession or sale of any other color morphs, other than those listed could result in fines, penalties and/or possible revocation of your permit.

**The only color morphs that are legal to possess and/or sell are the following:**

Red Albino (Amelanistic)	Butter	Snow	Pearl
Lavender	Blizzard	Creamsicle	

BE AWARE THAT THE FOLLOWING RODENTS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED A PUBLIC HEALTH RISK BY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL [CDC] AND MAY NO LONGER BE SOLD OR POSSESSED IN NEW JERSEY. ALL ARE LISTED AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SPREADING INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Dormice

Zebra Mice

Spiny Mice

Gambian giant-pouched rats

Pygmy Mice

*It is your responsibility as a commercial permittee to ascertain that the Sources of Acquisition for regulated wildlife is legal. For the sale and distribution of regulated New Jersey Exotic and Nongame wildlife species, a permit is required. Request a copy of the New Jersey Exotic and Nongame permit from your Sources of Acquisition or contact our office for more information.*

If you are **BOARDING** regulated animals and/or have regulated animals on sale for **CONSIGNMENT**, a commercial permit is required by the Wildlife Permits Unit. The owner of the boarded/consigned animal must also possess a valid NJ Exotic and Nongame Wildlife Permit.

The Wildlife Permits Unit must be informed a minimum of Two weeks prior to any New Jersey OFF-SITE Retail Sales Activities of Regulated Wildlife Species, including Trade Shows, Wildlife Expos, Auctions, etc. INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS of EVENTS. Failure of notification could result in fines.

**Possession of any wildlife on New Jersey's ENDANGERED  
and POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES lists is STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If any amendment is requested (other than any New Jersey Staff clerical error) after an Exotic & Nongame permit is issued for the current year, a \$5.00 amendment processing fee will be required per amendment.

If your business is sold/transferred during the year, you must supply this office with an Annual Report including all information regarding the disposition of all regulated wildlife. New business or pet shop owners and/or any new locations of business must obtain their own commercial permit. According to N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.11(a): "Any person who transfers possession, as distinguished from ownership, or location of any animal for which a permit has been issued, shall, **within 48 hours**, report to the Division of Fish and Wildlife exactly which animals are transferred and the name and address of the person to whom the animals were transferred."

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** In our experience, it has become clear that many commercial permittees do not know or understand our policy regarding the display of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife, particularly exotic birds, in your place of business. Rather than waiting for an inspector to inform or re-inform each place of business, the required information is supplied below. Read it carefully, as you will be required to comply.

All regulated exotic and nongame wildlife species must be housed or caged in a manner that prevents any possibility of liberation, accidental injury to the animal and/or to the public, and any possibility of public contact.

- All regulated exotic and nongame wildlife species exhibited outside of cages must be behind a barrier or other obstruction to prevent public access.
- Out of cage birds must be wing-clipped, prevented from any possibility of escape and caged at night.
- If a potential customer wants to handle a regulated animal for sales purposes, it must be done **ONLY** under the direct supervision of an employee and out of direct contact with other customers.
- All regulated animal cages must be covered or otherwise inaccessible to the public.

Remember, that it is your obligation to operate according to the requirements of the Wildlife Permits Unit – Exotic and Nongame Wildlife Permits Regulations and Policies. Failure to do so may result in penalties, including permit revocation.

Please call the Wildlife Permits Unit at (908) 735-5450 if you have any questions regarding these criteria.

[PS-AD Enclosure Letter]

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WILD BIRD BILL: A-649 Amending R.S. 23:4-50. After December 10, 1991, You CANNOT POSSESS, BUY, SELL OR BARTER WILD-CAUGHT BIRDS, except those which were in captivity legally before that date. All other birds must be captive-bred (other than the exempt species: **COCKATIEL, CANARY, BUDGERIGAR, ZEBRA FINCH, SOCIETY FINCH, ROCK DOVE, PEA FOWL, STARLING, OSTRICH, EMU, GREATER RHEA AND LESSER RHEA**). You must have in WRITING from the source of the birds: DOCUMENTATION PROOF - RECORDS THAT SPECIFY EACH AND EVERY BIRD POSSESSED, BOUGHT, SOLD, OR BARTERED IS CAPTIVE-BRED OR THAT IT WAS IN CAPTIVITY LEGALLY BEFORE December 10, 1991. These records must be available upon request. Photocopies of all written documentation must be supplied upon permit renewal.



# Important Notice

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**Effective immediately under the authority of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife: Captive Game and Exotic and Nongame regulations, THERE IS A BAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ON THE IMPORTATION OF WHITE-TAILED DEER, BLACK-TAILED DEER, MULE DEER, RED DEER, ELK AND MOOSE INTO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. This is due to the growing concern of the spread of CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE into wild and farmed herds of animals in the deer family throughout the United States.**

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All Applicants bringing regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey **MUST PROVIDE** a photocopy of their **CURRENT USDA PERMIT**. Also **ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF CURRENT PERMITS AND HEALTH CERTIFICATES FOR MAMMALS**. All applicants bringing in any regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey must supply copies of health certificates certifying that the wildlife is free of Tuberculosis and Brucellosis and any other communicable disease. It is mandatory to comply with the USDA Tuberculosis Eradication in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules (Cervid UM&R). Cervids not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis that originate from other herds (i.e. non-Accredited, non-Modified or non-Qualified herds) may be moved interstate if they are accompanied by a certificate stating that such cervids have been classified negative in two official tuberculosis tests that were conducted no less than 90 days apart, that the second test was conducted within 90 days prior to the date of movement, and **that the animals were isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period**. Additionally, the Cervid UM&R has **NO** minimum age standards for testing of cervids for interstate movements from herds that are unclassified. Photocopies of health certificates must be submitted with your application. For more information contact the United States Department of Agriculture.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE (USDA), ANIMAL and PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)** requires a license under the **ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (AWA)** to sell regulated Mammals commonly referred to as "POCKET PETS" - including but not limited to hedgehogs, degus, sugar gliders, jerboas, etc.

**Your New Jersey Permit WILL NOT be valid for sales of "Pocket Pets" without the correct, current, corresponding Federal USDA permit.**

**A current photocopy of your USDA permit must be attached.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**USDA/APHIS/ANIMAL CARE EASTERN REGION  
920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Unit 304-O  
Raleigh NC 27606-5210  
Phone: (919) 855-7100**

**CHECK APPROPRIATE WILDLIFE SPECIES THAT YOU INTEND TO SELL AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY**

It is your responsibility to obtain regulated wildlife from legal Sources of Acquisition or you are in violation of New Jersey regulations and are subject to penalties or fines.

**\_\_\_\_\_ EXOTIC BIRDS NOT ON ANY RELEVANT ENDANGERED OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES LIST.**

The following birds are exempt; they do not require a permit to be possessed or sold: **Cockatiel, Canary, Budgerigar, Zebra Finch, Society Finch, Rock Dove, Peafowl, Starling, Ostrich, Emu, Greater Rhea and Lesser Rhea.**

**NO Animal Dealer may possess or sell any New Jersey Potentially Dangerous Species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)] which includes (but is not limited) to the following: Ring-necked Parrots, Monk Parrots (Quaker Parrots), Mustached Parrots, Plum-Headed Parrots, Patagonian Conures and all others in the Psittacula genus.**

Specify Types \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Caging \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Diet \_\_\_\_\_

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List Sources of Acquisition (*Business Name, Address and Telephone number MUST be included*) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_NONVENOMOUS REPTILES - NOT ON ANY RELEVANT  
ENDANGERED OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES LIST.**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST (NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING) OF  
VENOMOUS, REAR-FANGED SPECIES, WHICH MAY NOT BE POSSESSED OR  
SOLD: MANGROVE SNAKE, ASIATIC DOGTOOTH CAT SNAKE, INDIAN CAT  
SNAKE, PARROT SNAKE, BOOMSLANG, AFRICAN KRAIT. PLEASE ALSO NOTE  
THAT ANACONDAS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A POTENTIALLY  
DANGEROUS SPECIES AND ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO BE POSSESSED  
OR SOLD IN NEW JERSEY.**

**NO Animal Dealer may possess or sell any New Jersey Potentially Dangerous  
Species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)] which includes (but is not limited) to the following:  
Gila Monsters, Coral Snakes, Cobras, Vipers, Pit Vipers, Alligators, Caimans,  
Crocodiles and Gavials.**

**The New Jersey Department of Health mandates that turtles and tortoises cannot  
be sold in New Jersey.**

Specify Types \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Caging \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Diet \_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_ AMPHIBIANS - NOT ON ANY RELEVANT ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.**

**NO Animal Dealer may possess or sell any New Jersey Endangered Species which includes (but is not limited) to the following: Tremblay's Salamander, Blue-spotted Salamander, Eastern Tiger Salamander, Pine Barrons Treefrog. The following also CANNOT BE POSSESSED OR SOLD due to difficulties in determining morphological differences among several species (but is not limited) to the following: Gray Tree Frogs (all species), Larval Salamanders, Water Dogs, Dino Dogs, Mud Puppies, Axolotls.**

Specify Types \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Caging \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Diet \_\_\_\_\_

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List Sources of Acquisition (*Business Name, Address and Telephone number MUST be included*) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_ MAMMALS - NOT ON ANY RELEVANT ENDANGERED OR  
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES LIST  
(e.g. FERRETS, CHINCHILLAS, HEDGEHOGS, etc.)**

The Animal Dealer - Wholesale Sales permit **DOES NOT AUTHORIZE** the possession, sale or distribution of BATS. **NO** Animal Dealer may possess or sell **ANY** species of animal that is **NOT** listed on their permit. Possession for commercial purposes of any wildlife listed on the New Jersey Endangered and Potentially Dangerous Species List is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Potentially Dangerous Species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8 (a)] includes (but is not limited to): All Primates; Bears; all Non-domestic Felines; all Non-Domestic Canines; Prairie Dogs, Ground Squirrels, Spiny Mice, Pygmy Mice, Zebra Mice and Dormice.

Specify Mammal Species Types \_\_\_\_\_

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# **ALL POSSESSION PERMITS**

**EXPIRE DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE.**



**FEE: \$100.00**

**SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY**

**(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MUST HAVE**

**COMPLETE NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT)**

**Make payable to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife**

I hereby affirm that the information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false representation by the applicant or a permittee who knows or reasonably should know that the representation is false, and who has submitted the representation to induce the Department to issue a permit or take any other action, shall subject the applicant or permittee to all penalties available under State law, including revocation of any permit obtained based upon false information. All permits issued are valid only when used by the permittee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and the regulations governing that permit. I have read these conditions and by signing and dating this application, I acknowledge and agree to all of the permit stipulations.

**SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Return Application with fee to:**

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[PS]

# NEW JERSEY EXEMPT WILDLIFE SPECIES

Pet Shop - Retail Sales and Animal Dealer - Wholesale sales: Note that the following listed wildlife species **DO NOT** require Exotic and Nongame possession permits. **DO NOT** issue temporary 20-day permits. **DO NOT** include this information on your annual report - renewal application inventory.

Note however, that this list includes several species indigenous to New Jersey. These nongame species are protected by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and cannot be collected from the wild. If you possess any of these species you must be able to provide documentation, receipts, etc., indicating that they were legally obtained.

**The following species are exempt:**

## BIRDS

Budgerigar - *Melopsittacus undulatus*  
Cockatiel - *Nymphicus hollandicus*  
Peafowl - *Pavo cristatus*  
Rock Dove - *Columba livia*  
Canary - *Serinus canari*  
House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*  
European Starling - *Sturnis vulgaris*  
Zebra Finch - *Poephila guttatus*  
Society Finch - *Lonchura domesticus*  
Emu - *Dromaius novaehollandiae*  
Ostrich - *Struthio camelus*  
Greater Rhea - *Rhea americana*  
Lesser Rhea - *Pterocnemis pennata*

## MAMMALS

Hamster - *Mesocricetus auratus*  
NOTE: CHINESE, SIBERIAN & RUSSIAN  
HAMSTERS **DO** REQUIRE PERMITS.  
Gerbil - *Meriones mongolinensis*  
Guinea Pig - *Cavia porcellus*  
Domestic Rabbit - *Oryctolagus cuniculus*  
Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pig - *Sus spp.*  
Pigmy goats - *Capra hircus*  
Mice and Rats - *Mus spp.* & *Rattus spp.*  
Chipmunk - *Tamias spp.* & *Eutamias spp.*  
Red Squirrel - *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* & *douglasii*  
Flying Squirrel - *Glaucomys spp.*  
Llama - *Lama glama*  
Alpaca - *Lama pacos*  
Guanaco - *Lama guanicoe*

## REPTILES

American Anole - *Anolis carolinensis*  
Common Iguana - *Iguana iguana*  
Boa Constrictor - *Constrictor constrictor*  
Eastern Painted Turtle - *Chrysemys picta picta*  
Snapping Turtle - *Chelydra serpentina*  
Fence Lizard - *Sceloporus occidentalis* & *undulatus*  
Garter Snake - *Thamnophis spp.* (except *T. sirtalis*  
*Tetrataenia*)  
Tokay Gecko - *Gekko gecko*  
Ribbon Snake - *Thamnophis spp.* (except *T. sirtalis*  
*Tetrataenia*)

## AMPHIBIANS

Leopard Frog - *Rana pipiens*  
Green Frog - *Rana clamitans*  
American Toad - *Bufo americanus*  
Fowler's Toad - *B.w. fowleri*  
Bullfrog - *Rana catesbeiana*  
Red-Spotted Newt - *Notophthalmus viridescens*  
Dusky Salamander - *Desmognathus fuscus*

**INVERTEBRATES NOTE:** Any invertebrate other than those listed on any relevant Federal or State of New Jersey Endangered Species list.